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Doth an eternal vigil keep;

No soothing strains of Maia's son  
Shall lull its hundred eyes to sleep."

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## NO MORE LITIGATION.

### The Norfolk & Southern R'y To Have Smooth Sailing.

Mr. Reid Deposits His Bonds—E. T. Lamb, General Manager for the Receivers, Is to Be President and Manager.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 9.—Fergus Reid, minority bondholder of the Norfolk & Southern Railway who fought unsuccessfully for a stay of sale of the properties and franchises of that system, which were bought in by the Norfolk & Southern reorganization through Rathbone Gardner for \$8,500,000, has deposited his \$100,000 in bonds with the reorganization committee at New York and confirmation of yesterday's sale is now expected without further litigation.

It has been declared that Mr. Reid would on application for confirmation of the sale attack the validity of the Norfolk & Southern bond issue and thus hold up matters still further. Mr. Reid's bonds being now held by the Manhattan Trust Company of New York with all other bonds deposited with the reorganization committee, an idea of further contest on his part in the present litigation.

The special commissioners who made sale of the Norfolk & Southern are now preparing their report to the court. Application for confirmation and delivery of the property to the new owners will be made as soon as convenient to Federal Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr. The fact that Judge Waddill is constantly sitting upon the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond makes it uncertain just when the matter of confirmation will come up. It will probably not be until late in December.

Official confirmation was had today of the fact that the original plan of E. T. Lamb president of the Norfolk & Southern following its sale and reorganization was had here yesterday. Mr. Lamb will be both president and general manager. He is no general manager for the receivers.

Rathbone Gardner, T. L. Caddburn of New York, and Messrs. Vandye, Burr and Zell, of Philadelphia, were here to attend the sale of the Norfolk & Southern, all have left. Messrs. Gardner and Caddburn represented the successful bidders for the property and Messrs. Vandye, Burr and Zell represented those who bid up to \$8,100,000 on the property.

It appears that the Vandye interests first attempted to buy the Norfolk & Southern at private sale from the bondholders at something like \$7,500,000. Papers of some kind were drawn up, but the sale was never brought to consummation. At the sale R. T. Thorpe, representing Messrs. Vandye, Burr and Zell, started the bidding off at \$7,500,000. Mr. Gardner for the Norfolk & Southern, bid along to \$8,000,000. Then Mr. Thorpe for the Vandye interest bid \$100,000 more. Here the Philadelphians stopped. Mr. Gardner added \$400,000, making a total bid of eight and one-half millions of dollars and the property was knocked down to him.

## NICARAGUA IS KEPT IGNORANT.

### Zelaya Does Not Permit the People to Know What Is Going on.

Panama, Dec. 8.—Passengers arriving here from Nicaragua state that the people in that republic are kept in ignorance of what is happening in the country. So strict is the censorship maintained by President Zelaya that residents of the western part of Nicaragua have not learned of the breaking off of diplomatic relations between the United States and Nicaragua.

General Toledo is besieged at Greytown, which is surrounded on land and sea by the insurgents. General Vasquez, commander of the government forces at the last battle near Rama, was court-martialed because of the defeat suffered by the government troops. This battle is said to have been a desperate one. A government column which entered the fight with 150 soldiers, left all but four of them on the field.

One of the arrivals here who is not a native of Nicaragua, states that the government officials at Nicaragua publicly assert that Mexico will support Nicaragua in any controversy in which it may become involved with the United States.

No foreign newspapers are allowed to enter Nicaragua at points in control of the government.

A highly successful man in the railroad world knows when other people see his success, for it is then he is called a wizard.

## AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

News of a Day Gleaned of Passing Interest to Argus Readers.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The nomination of J. A. Stancil to be postmaster at Smithfield has been held up by Senator Overman at the instance of Johnston county people, who desire to be heard in opposition to confirmation.

Among other things, it is alleged that Stancil is not a bona fide resident of Smithfield and that only recently he removed from the country to the town in order to make himself eligible for appointment. So far as the other presidential appointments sent to the Senate are concerned there will be no opposition to confirmation.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, who came here to keep her eye on Congress, went into the buffet of the Union Station this afternoon and taking out her hatchet wielded it indiscriminately, smashing about \$50 worth of bottled whiskeys. She was at once arrested and taken to the house of detention charged with destroying private property. A large crowd of persons in the station was attracted by the commotion in the buffet and excitement ran high.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Speaking in strong endorsement of the policy of waterway improvement, President Taft stirred up much enthusiasm during the opening hours of the sixth convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress here today. Hundreds of delegates, representing every section of the United States, were in attendance. Men and women delegates gave the President a noisy reception.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—In the house committee on agriculture today it was decided to take up the agricultural appropriation bill next Monday. The estimates on which hearings will be given approximate \$12,000,000 and he bill is expected to be in shape to report to the House the first week after the Christmas holidays.

The Scott bill to prohibit dealing in futures in cotton, grain and other farm products will be pressed after the agricultural appropriation bill is gotten out of the way.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

Tuesday and Thursday of Next Week, December 15 and 16.

The ladies of the Episcopal Church will hold a bazaar at the Commercial hotel on the above dates, to which the public is cordially invited.

The hour of opening on Wednesday, December 15, will be announced in a few days; so watch the columns of The Argus for this information. There will be attractive Christmas novelties both useful and ornamental of every description for old and young, and delicious refreshments will be served.

### Doll Booth.

In the doll booth will be all varieties and sizes of dressed dolls, doll furniture and doll tea sets.

### Book Booth.

The book booth will contain desirable books, Christmas calendars, Christmas cards, fancy willow baskets, Japanese's China, and water color pictures.

### Fancy Work.

In the fancy work booth will be found hand-embroidered novelties and hand-made articles of all kinds.

### Aprons.

The apron booth will contain aprons for every need, such as chafing dish aprons, nurses', maids' and cooks' aprons; also maids' caps.

### Miscellaneous.

The miscellaneous booth will have articles to suit everyone's taste, and in this booth will be beautiful workbags and fancy bags of many varieties and many attractive sofa pillows.

### Baby Booth.

The booth containing articles appropriate for babies will contain daintily embroidered caps, cap strings, embroidered baby shoes, willow baskets and many useful adjuncts of the baby's toilet.

### Candy Booth.

At the candy booth delicious homemade candies will be provided.

The fish pond will furnish amusement for both old and young.

Whole Christmas cakes will be on sale, both plain and layer cakes.

Everyone will be made cordially welcome.

Reading the proceedings of Congress, they're not so different from a legislature's.

It is very probable that President Taft's flag will be made larger. The appropriateness is obvious.

## A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING.

### Miss Diana Green Whitfield Becomes the Bride of Mr. C. Wooten Oliver.

Happy Event Was Solemnized in the Goldsboro Presbyterian Church. Last Night Before a Thronged Congregation.

Daily Argus, Wednesday. A beautiful wedding was that of Miss Diana Green Whitfield and Mr. C. Wooten Oliver in the Presbyterian Church in this city last night at eight o'clock, to witness which a church was thronged to its utmost capacity with the elite of the city, and every heart present beat in warmth of appreciation and good wishes for the lovely bride, who, bearing the name of her late revered grandmother, Mrs. Diana Green, has been heir from infancy to the abiding love of these Goldsboro people and is herself, for herself, a universal favorite.

The bride is the only daughter of four children, of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allen Whitfield, of this city, and the groom is one of Mount Olive's deservingly popular and promising young business men, and both are widely connected with the oldest and best families of this city and section, so that widespread interest was mutually centered in the happy union of these two young people.

The church was most artistically decorated for the joyous occasion, the chancel being especially lovely in its gorgeous banking of ferns and palms, behind which, at the organ, presided Miss Evelyn Privett, who, accompanied by Miss Lucia Privett, on the violin, rendered the wedding marches, professional and recessional.

The grouping of the large bridal attendance at the altar in the solemn ceremony, impressively pronounced by the pastor, Rev. V. G. Smith, formed a picture of superlative loveliness that will linger for aye in the memories of all who participated therein.

Miss Helen Kirby, a cousin of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mrs. Norman Royall, of Mount Olive, a sister of the groom, was dame of honor. The bridesmaids were Misses Louise Slocomb, Hattie Dewey and Clare Porter, of this city, May Tatum, of Mount Olive, and little Mary Wooten, of this city, as flower girl.

The groomsmen were Messrs. Thos. Whitfield, brother of the bride, David Oliver, brother of the groom, Charles Ross and Dr. Lemuel Kornegay.

The ushers were Messrs. Henry Whitfield, brother of the bride, Emmett Robinson, Frank Castex and Robert Parrott.

As the lovely bride approached the altar, leaning on the arm of her father, the groom, with his best man, his brother, Mr. Frank Oliver, came up the opposite aisle, the two meeting before the waiting minister at the chancel, where the wedding ceremony was spoken.

Immediately after the service the bridal party repaired to the hospitable home of the bride's parents, on North George street, where an old-time open house reception was held, and where a tide of callers during the evening made the occasion one of the most delightful social functions of the season. Here the bride and groom, the bride's parents and the bridal party, received until the hour arrived for the happy young couple to take the northbound train for an extended Northern bridal trip, after which they will make their home in Mount Olive.

The display of bridal presents was a feature of last night's reception, for they were, indeed, beautiful and abundant, and so varied as to make the whole fit in to the needs of a home and personal requirements without repetition.

The out-of-town attendants on the happy event, other than those of the bridal party, were Mr. Geo. D. Green, of Wilson; Mrs. W. S. Wooten and Miss Mary Wooten, of Tarboro; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Davis, Mrs. J. D. Roberts, Miss Lizzie McGee, Miss Mignonette Kornegay and Mr. Braxton Jurney, of Mount Olive.

The Argus joins the hosts of friends of both the bride and groom in wishing them the fullest measure of life, health, happiness and prosperity.

Movement is on foot to "Osterize" the army and navy. Might also Osterize the G. O. P. pension list.

"Who gets the profits out of Ligarized meats?" an editor asks. Certainly not the eater thereof.

Chicago is planning a law to prevent cruelty to chickens. One wouldn't have supposed Chicago was so chicken-hearted.

## CONSOLIDATION GROWING.

Its Possibilities Are More to Be Feared Than Present Experiences.

For a considerable number of years during which there has been gradual consolidation of transportation lines, manufacturing enterprises and selling agencies, many have expressed fear that the general good was not thereby being served.

Despite protest, however, the merging has gone on and it is safe to say that it has not yet been demonstrated that the evils which many anticipated would result from business consolidation really have followed it.

There has, it is true, been complaint by individuals that their business was malevolently affected by the formation of various trusts, but that the mass of the people have suffered seems to be doubtful in view of the fact that they have not endeavored to strike a blow at the trust system by declining to buy such products as the trusts controlled or by giving their patronage to independent lines in preference to merged ones.

That consolidation has not yet proved a great menace to the people of this country generally, does not, however, prove that a grave menace it still may come to be should it proceed to the logical end, the domination of every important industry and of every transportation line by a single individual.

A very long step toward that end has just been taken by J. P. Morgan through his purchase of the controlling stock of the Equitable Life Insurance Society with its assets of approximately five hundred millions of dollars. There surely must be many who feel grave concern because of the vast power which Mr. Morgan has acquired. Wall street, it is said, feels no alarm and apprehends no new danger through this last addition to Mr. Morgan's holdings because he has heretofore used his great power wisely and moderately. The ordinary person, however, is not likely to view this matter as Wall street does. They lack proof of his continued moderation.

Looking the situation in the face, it must be seen that the power of Mr. Morgan now is so great that hardly any enterprise of moment may safely be set afoot unless it shall first have been approved by him, and that he seems in a position where he may at any time dictate to the government of the United States the policy which it shall pursue. Does this not seem to be true in view of the statement, which seems well founded, that he has directly under his control some three billions of dollars, or about so many as are in circulation in this country today?

## PUBLIC BUYING S. A. I.

John Skelton Williams Replies to a Report Regarding Hawley System. Richmond, Va., Dec. 8.—John Skelton Williams, who is a member of the executive committee of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, asked today whether he thought there was any foundation for the current rumor that the Hawley system or any other railroad was in the market buying Seaboard securities for the purpose of control said he had no idea that such was the case.

"The receivers," he said, "have demonstrated what can be done with this property under proper management and the public are now buying Seaboard securities upon the theory that with all interests co-operating and their energies directed towards a common end security holders will be able to get the results for which they have waited so patiently and so long."

## THE WATERWAYS COMMISSION.

The President and his Cabinet and the governors of five states are now in session to discuss the subject of our inland waterways.

This is a matter which has always been very close to the heart of President Taft and he is pushing it with all the vigor which the importance of the question demands.

Every patriotic citizen is in favor of the movement, although President Taft would earn the lasting gratitude of the people of the country if he would take up, at this session, the question of Federal aid to a system of national highways. It would do more to enhance the value of real estate and to bring the isolated sections of the country into closer touch with one another than anything that could be done. It is closely akin to the waterways project, and it would meet with the enthusiastic indorsement of the great body of the people.

We have no desire to throw cold water on the waterways project, but we feel sure that its usefulness could be materially strengthened if the subject of the national system of highways could be taken up at the same time.

Much would have more and less all.

## BAPTIST CONVENTION.

### Progress and Growth Is Shown Along All Lines.

Mr. J. W. Bailey Urges Special Text-books for Advanced Sunday School Classes and Makes Stirring Speech on Seminary.

Wadesboro, N. C., Dec. 8.—The Baptist State Convention assembled again this morning at 9:30 with President Dowd in the chair.

The report of the board of missions and Sunday Schools was read and showed substantial progress during the year.

The report of the board of education to the effect that it is aiding sixty-five young ministers at Wake Forest.

Reporting on Sunday Schools, J. W. Bailey urged the preparation of special text-books for the use of advanced Sunday School classes.

Dr. VanNess, of Nashville, Tenn., spoke on the work of the Sunday School board.

Mr. J. W. Bailey made a stirring speech on the work of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was followed by Prof. B. H. Dement, of that institution, who, after an able speech raised by subscription \$1,000, with which to assist young ministers studying in the seminary.

A large number of new ministers were recognized and welcomed to the body.

The report on the relief of old ministers stated that there are 85 beneficiaries and indicated that their relief is inadequate to their needs.

The matter of building a home for old ministers was deemed not advisable at this time. It was recommended that special Christmas offerings be taken for these old veterans.

Dr. W. C. Tyree spoke, commending the method of ministerial relief and pleading for a more liberal support for it.

Dr. J. D. Hufham spoke on this topic with his old time energy and eloquence.

The report on woman's work was read by Prof. J. H. Highsmith, of Wake Forest, showing gratifying progress.

A committee was appointed to perfect a State organization of the Baptist Young People's Union.

The evening session was given up to the consideration of foreign missions. Rev. A. J. Moncrief, of Raleigh, read the report. Southern Baptists now have 16,000 living converts on paper and pagan lands. There were nearly three thousand conversions last year; 40,000 patients were treated in mission hospitals; 2,389 pupils studied in mission schools. There are eight theological seminaries and four printing plants.

Addresses were made by Rev. A. J. Moncrief, Dr. Samuel J. Porter and others.

## SOUTHERN TRAIN HOODOOED.

Left Raleigh Two Hours Late, After a Series of Mishaps.

### Raleigh News and Observer.

The Southern Railway's eastbound train, due in Raleigh at 6:30 p. m., yesterday, was hoodooed. It left Greensboro fifty minutes late on account of a freight wreck at Statesville. Three miles west of Durham it struck a wagon, separating it from the horse, and for half a mile scattered the contents, consisting of counterpanes, clothes lines, corsets, carpet tacks and other personal belongings of Manly Rudd, a negro woman just returned from New York state, coming back to the "Lawd's Country." The accident occurred near her home. Although two negroes were in the wagon, neither they nor the scrawny, ancient equine were hurt, but the bunch of bones of the old animal received no gentle shaking up.

At Cary there was another delay, occasioned by the derailment of a freight engine and car.

The belated train finally arrived in Raleigh, leaving this city two hours late.—Ed. Argus.]

A fight is being made to make Kentucky totally dry. It does seem that one historical place ought to be preserved.

If Mrs. O'Leary's cow didn't start the Chicago fire, we can believe nothing, not even that Aldrich discovered the tariff.

## TROUBLESOME EARLY CASE.

Judge Will Not Allow Him in Court Room—Amazing Position.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Puzzling as ever is the problem confronting the local authorities relative to the case of John R. Early, the alleged leper, now detained here on the charge of going about in public while afflicted with a contagious disease and the complications in this now famous case continue to multiply.

When the case again was called for trial in police court today Early's counsel moved for the prisoner's discharge, the argument being based on constitutional grounds. This motion was overruled. Early's counsel then announced that the alleged leper would not consent to a trial by this court unless Early be permitted to appear and take the witness stand himself. Following this declaration the district counsel moved the indefinite postponement of the case, which practically would mean life imprisonment for Early. The defendant's counsel, after declaring his amazement at the motion, asked postponement until tomorrow in order that he might consider the matter. Postponement was granted but the presiding judge made it clear that he would not permit Early to appear in court until it had been proven that he did not have leprosy.

Following this a compromise was suggested to the effect that Early go to New York and subject himself to examination by a specialist, but no agreement was reached with respect to this.

## THE ROAD TO FAME.

It Has Many By-Paths and Many Walk Therein.

A Southerner noted for the liberality of his tips stopped at a Baltimore hotel where negro porters predominated. His name was speedily known to every member of the serving fraternity, and his every wish anticipated. Soon after his arrival he sent his card to a friend who made his home in the hotel, but whose temperament happened to be quite the opposite of that of his open-handed caller—retiring, not given to "tipping," or any other form of sociability, and who therefore lived almost unknown to those about him.

The old darkey who received the card studied it for a full minute. "Scuse me, colonel," he said, "but I don't beleeve nobody dat name comes here dis mawning."

"This mawning!" returned the other. "Of course not! Mr. Blank has lived here for months. You know my name well enough, and I haven't been here a day. Do you mean to say you can't remember a man who has made his home here since some time last winter?"

"Scuse me, colonel, sah," began the old man, deferentially, "but you must know, sah"—as if uttering the subtlest compliment—"dat dere's gemmans what can make demsels more notorious in one day, sah, dan under gemmans does in a year, sah!"

## "CONTRARY MARY."

Miss Adelaide Thurston Is Ever Contentious in Her Studies.

The final rehearsals of "Contrary Mary," the new play, "Contrary Mary," were conducted on her farm at Murray Hill, N. J., the entire company being the guests of Miss Thurston. It took on the form of one grand holiday and to say the members of the company enjoyed it would be putting it mildly. Up at 6 a. m., breakfast at seven, and study until ten. Rehearsal from ten to one; lunch and back to rehearsal again from two until five. Dinner at six. After dinner all sorts of amusements were indulged in, motor riding, driving, tennis, baseball, billiards, pool, in fact, every form of innocent amusement had its innings.

Naturally, the farm, as Miss Thurston's country home is called, comes in for a great deal of conversation among the members of the company.

Miss Thurston and her splendid organization of players come to the Messenger Opera House next Monday night, December 13.

Presidents of small republics should not select citizens of the American republic when they feel bloodthirsty. This republic is big and particular.

Parisians are exercised over what the President of France will wear when the King of Portugal pays his visit. Would suggest anything but a high hat with a business suit.

A Denmark cabinet officer's wife takes an interest in his work, according to a Sunday cable dispatch. This is no mere formal interest. "She takes all his cabinet speeches in shorthand."

One thing a man can't buy with money is how to use it.

## DR. COOK AGAIN.

### His Papers Arrive in Bue Time at Copenhagen.

Extraordinary Precautions Are Taken to Make Sure of Their Safe Delivery—Mr. Egan Comes to the United States.

Copenhagen, Dec. 8.—The north polar observations of Dr. Frederick A. Cook reached here today on board the steamer United States. Extraordinary precautions were taken to make sure that the long-heralded data were delivered safely to the university authorities.

As soon as the United States was tied up at her pier an iron box containing Dr. Cook's report and the diaries in which his original entries were made was brought ashore. The box was closely followed by Walter Lonsdale, Dr. Cook's secretary, who had stood guard over its contents since they left the hands of the explorer. Upon the pier Lonsdale and two detectives bundled the iron box into a motor car and jumping in themselves, were driven hastily to the University of Copenhagen. Their car was followed by a second automobile. At the university the papers were formally turned over to the authorities there and placed in a strong room, where they will be guarded closely until the committee appointed to examine them is ready to begin its labors. The examination will be made probably at Copenhagen Observatory. None but the duly chosen commission representing the University of Copenhagen will be permitted to be present. United States Minister Egan was to have attended the committee meetings, but will not be able to do so because of the delay in the arrival of the records. Mr. Egan leaves tomorrow for the United States.

## SECRETARY KNOX.

Secretary Knox is rapidly winning for himself a high reputation as Secretary of State, and the indications are that within a few months he will have brought the office he occupies to a higher dignity and importance than it has enjoyed at any time since the death of John Hay.

He has recently submitted to the President a plan by which the diplomatic service will be placed on a civil service basis. The appointments to the position of secretary of legation will be made on the basis of merit alone, and candidates will have to undergo a regular examination. They will be expected to speak at least two modern languages, besides English; they must know the history of Europe for the past fifty years, and they must have a fair knowledge of the commercial resources of the United States, together with a good working knowledge of international law.

This may be rather an exacting test, and yet it is no more than an efficient secretary of legation should have, and what is more important, promotions will be made from the lower secretariats to the higher, and finally from the highest secretariats to the ministerial and ambassadorial posts.

The interests of the United States are every year becoming more and more complex and important. The time has passed when these positions should be merely the rewards for political service.

Our consular work has already been placed on a high plane, and the time has come when the same should be true of our higher diplomatic posts.

We have plenty of talent in this country—men who are worthy to grace any court in the world. But these positions should be filled by men who are trained for the work. We have had enough of the lax system of party pets.

President Taft has indorsed the recommendation of Secretary Knox and it will be put into practical operation as soon as possible.

Nicaragua, once she is rid of revolutions, will probably have trusts. Better let well enough alone.

Speaker Cannon was applauded when the House opened its session. Which is the reward of a man who is picturesquely profane, has the demeanor of a farmer, and the broad statesmanlike views of the late Jay Gould.

Andrew Carnegie, arrested for speeding his automobile, didn't have the amount of his fine. The inference isn't clear. Was the fine so large? Has the iron master given away all his money, or is the cost of the machine too heavy?